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Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, and Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Manchester Civic Band plans live performances

Manchester Civic Band performances at Peabody

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ISDH reports 92nd local COVID death

Parkview Wabash says they haven't rescheduled any procedures, despite strain

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, Sept. 15, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the 92nd COVID-19 death in Wabash County.

The news comes after one of the deadliest weeks for the virus in Wabash County, as four new local COVID-19 deaths

were reported in the week before that.

The state and nation have been reeling from the latest surge in cases being fueled by the Delta variant of the virus.

On Tuesday, the ISDH reported 11 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing the local total to 4,815 cases, with 18,338 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for

all tests was 8.9 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 23.8 percent.

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, Parkview Health public relations specialist Leslie Megison said that while they have been dealing with the strain of the increased number of cases, Parkview Wabash has been able to continue operations.

"Like all of the hospitals across the region, Parkview Wabash Hospital has been

very busy with both COVID and non-COVID patients during the current surge," said Megison. "However, we have been able to continue to care for patients without interruption, and we have not had to reschedule any procedures. Parkview Wabash co-workers have really demonstrated their firm commitment to providing excellent care for every person every day, and I attribute our ability to deal with the surge to their dedication and flexibility."

On Tuesday, the ISDH reported that 2,673 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 937,221 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

To date, 14,765 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, which includes

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Manchester Symphony Orchestra issues 'Invitation to the Dance'

The first concert of the new season begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10

By **ANNE GREGORY**

A program of dance music from the Renaissance through the 20th century, and around the globe, is on tap for the first concert of the Manchester Symphony Orchestra's 83rd season.

Join the orchestra for a whirlwind, toe-tapping tour of movement-inspired music at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University.

Invitation to the Dance features Manchester University professors Beate Gilliar and Jim Brumbaugh-Smith dancing to Leroy Anderson's "Blue Tango."

Conductor Debra Lynn also selected the following works: "Ancient Airs and Dances" by Ottorino Respighi, "Pavane" by Gabriel Faure, "Russian Sailor's Dance" from The Red Poppy by Reinhold Gliere, "Ritual Fire Dance" from El Amor Brujo by Manuel de Falla, "Invitation to the Dance" by Carl Maria von Weber and "Hoe-Down from Rodeo" by Aaron Copland.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Admission



Provided photo

Invitation to the Dance features Manchester University professors Beate Gilliar and Jim Brumbaugh-Smith dancing to Leroy Anderson's "Blue Tango."

is free for MU students, faculty and staff, as well as anyone age 18 and younger. Go to www.manchestersymphonyorchestra.org for

tickets.

The concert is part of the Values, Ideas and the Arts series, which offers academic enrichment for Man-

chester University students.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

WCUF awards \$85K in COVID funds, split between seven local agencies

Grant supported, in part, by Indiana United Ways and Lilly Endowment

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Friday, the Wabash County United Fund (WCUF) announced the distribution of \$85,016 in COVID-19 relief funds to seven local nonprofit agencies, said executive director Steve Johnson.

In June, agencies were invited to request funding under the Basic and Essential Needs Grant for projects "that will serve the essential needs of Wabash County residents who have been impacted by COVID-19."

"The WCUF is very excited to support these seven projects," said Johnson. "Each of them will have a significant impact on the lives of people in need in Wabash County."

Funding for the Basic and Essential Needs Grant is made possible, in part, by an \$89,491 COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative grant from Indiana United Ways with support from Lilly Endowment.

The grant is one of 47 grants that Indiana United Ways is making to member organizations and community foundations through the initiative.

"The WCUF has been thrilled to serve as a vehicle for distributing these funds," said Johnson. "We have close working rela-

tionships with the nonprofits and social service organizations in Wabash County. It is wonderful to be able to lend additional support to these groups who provide help for people in need."

Johnson said the WCUF goes through their annual agency funding process each year, but that the Basic and Essential Needs Grant is a one-time grant.

Johnson said the priority for this grant is to support service-related projects that are currently underway in Wabash County.

Johnson said the second priority will be to support the nonprofit organizations who have themselves been hit hard by restrictions and

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Annual Waldo and Steve Brandt Memorial Ride set for Sunday

Motors traveling through the city should expect delays shortly after noon

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The annual Waldo and Steve Brandt Memorial ride will take place on Sunday, Sept. 26, said Wabash Police Department (WPD) public information officer Capt. Matt A. Benson.

The ride will depart at noon from Brandt's Harley Davidson at 1400 Cass St. The motorcyclists will

exit Brandt's Harley Davidson and turn southbound on Cass Street.

The riders will then travel south on Cass Street and turn east on Canal Street.

The riders will turn south on Wabash Street and continue South on Indiana 13, where they will exit the city.

"Motorists traveling through these areas during this time should expect long delays at intersections," said Benson.

The annual event draws hundreds of motorcycle enthusiasts to Wabash each year.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Pictured left to right are Deanna Maller, of the WCUF board of directors; and Access Downtown Recovery program director Melissa Middleton. Pictured left to right are WCUF executive director Steve Johnson; Mark Frantz, of the WCUF board of directors; and Grow Wabash County's Tenille Zartman. Pictured from left to right are WCUF executive director Steve Johnson; and Dale Bliss, of Advantage Housing. Pictured left to right are Mike Keaffaber, of the WCUF board of directors; and Megan Henderson, of the Blessings in a Backpack Wabash chapter. Pictured left to right are Kenny Monce, of the WCUF board of directors; and Lucas Esch, of the Learn More Center. Pictured left to right are Evan Bowman and Hanna Slagal, of the Lafontaine Learning Community; and Julie McCann, of the WCUF board of directors. Pictured from left to right are WCUF executive director Steve Johnson; Paul Hayden, of the Historic Landmarks Foundation; and Marilyn Custer-Mitchell, of Waypoint.

WCUF

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closures brought on because of the pandemic, as some nonprofit organizations have seen their income decline over the past year and a half due to closures or fundraiser cancellations.

Johnson said applications were reviewed and considered by a panel of local volunteers representing WCUF, Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFCW), Grow Wabash County and "the community at large." The WCUF's board of directors considered the review panel's recommendations and determined the final grant awards.

Johnson said the second COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative grant again calls for United Ways and Funds that receive funding to leverage partnerships and relationships to better meet COVID-related basic needs aligned with the social determinants of health as defined by the CDC.

In April 2020, Lilly Endowment helped Indiana United Ways establish the COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative with an initial \$30 million grant. Lilly Endowment made an additional \$15 million grant in March 2020 to Indiana United Ways to support the initiative. Both grants are part of Lilly Endowment's overall grant-making to help organizations meet COVID-related needs. Since March 2020, Lilly Endowment has made grants totaling more than \$210 million to organizations working in Indiana and across the nation as they respond to the pandemic.

In October 2020, the WCUF awarded a total of \$40,000 from the Emergency Relief Grant to 12 Wabash County nonprofits organizations. Last year's proposals totaled more than \$144,000. The WCUF Board of Directors later discussed and approved the committee's recommendations.

The proposals included requests for funding to purchase PPE supplies such as face masks, shields, gloves and Plexiglas barriers; sanitizing products such as disinfectants, wipes, hand sanitizer and dispensers and electrostatic sprayers; backpack and food pantry supplies; technology upgrades such as laptop computers and investments in infra-

structure to enable organizations to modify their programming; and adaptations to their facilities that are now requirements because of COVID-19 challenges.

Agencies approved to receive funding from last year's Emergency Relief Grant included 85 Hope, The ACCESS Youth Center, Blessings in a Backpack in North Manchester and Wabash, Friends in Service Here (F.I.S.H.), Grow Wabash County, LaFontaine Learning Community, Living Well in Wabash County, Manchester Early Learning Center, Manchester Fellowship of Churches, Wabash County Tobacco-Free Coalition and Wabash County Y.M.C.A.

The seven local agencies awarded funding from this year's Basic and Essential Needs Grant include:

Access Downtown Recovery

Access Downtown Recovery was awarded \$10,956 to provide 19 weeks of group substance abuse recovery support, resources and special events programming.

"The group format is especially beneficial for families, allowing them to support each other through their recovery journey," said Johnson.

Advantage Housing

Advantage Housing submitted a cooperative application to address shelter needs in Wabash County on behalf of Lighthouse Mission, Hands of Hope and Advantage Housing.

The \$25,000 award will be used for additional work on the six-unit short-term housing shelter, short-term hotel stays for homeless individuals and families, and securing a two-bedroom apartment as an option for homeless families.

Blessings in a Backpack

Johnson said the Wabash chapter of Blessings in a Backpack has experienced an increase in the cost of providing weekend snacks for students and anticipates those costs to continue to rise during this school year.

"In addition, more backpacks will be needed in response to an increase in the number of qualifying students and families for the backpack program," said Johnson.

Blessings in a Backpack's Wabash chapter was award-

ed \$3,000.

Grow Wabash County

Grow Wabash County's Workforce Training program offers scholarships for workforce development programs that provide certification or training in "relevant skills that are most in-demand by local employers."

Grow Wabash County was awarded \$15,000 to support scholarships for the training. "Successes from the 2020 training program will guide the selection of programs offered in the fall," said Johnson.

LaFontaine Learning Community

LaFontaine Learning Community was awarded \$5,000 to assist struggling families needing childcare solutions.

"Grant funds will also be used to inspect, maintain and recharge the fire suppression system in the facility's kitchen, allowing them to use the kitchen for onsite meals," said Johnson.

Learn More Center

The Learn More Center was awarded \$6,000 in support of their Barrier Busters to Pave the Way to Success program.

"The grant will be used to purchase additional laptop computers for student use, labor to implement website upgrades, and funding for other expenses to help students who are working on achieving their educational and career attainment goals," said Johnson.

Historic Landmarks Foundation and Wabash Recovery Services






"Recognizing that there no women's recovery house currently exists in Wabash County," United Fund awarded Historic Landmarks Foundation and Wabash Recovery Services with \$20,060 for renovation expenses at the women's recovery house, said Johnson.

Once completed, the house will serve up to 12 women at a time who are recovering from substance use disorder and need a safe, stable, supportive environment to continue their recovery.

For more information, call 260-563-6726 or email steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org.





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5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday T-storms Likely 61 / 48	 Thursday Few Showers 64 / 47	 Friday Sunny 72 / 52	 Saturday Few Showers 69 / 48	 Sunday Sunny 70 / 50
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 7:39 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:32 a.m.

 Last 9/28	 New 10/6	 First 10/12	 Full 10/20
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 90% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 61°, humidity of 87%. North wind 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an 85% chance of showers, overnight low of 48°. West northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

IN BRIEF

Dick Quigley Music Festival planned for November

The annual Dick Quigley Music Festival has been planned for the first and second weekends in November in Peru, according to a press release.

Rob Noftsgen's Fascinating Rhythm, sponsored by Peru Maennerchor, has been planned from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at 154 S. Wabash St., Peru. The event will feature "the usual" carry-in dinner.

Combo Night, sponsored by Peru Maennerchor and featuring the No Regrets Blues Band, has been planned for 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 at 154 S. Wabash St., Peru.

Big Band Night, featuring the 19-piece

Quigley Jazz Band, has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Riverview Event Center, 421 W. Canal St., Peru.

Wabash VFW Post No. 286 plans tenderloin dinner

The Wabash Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 has planned a tenderloin dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford.

The menu will include hand-breaded tenderloin, French fries and coleslaw.

The cost will be \$10 per person. It will be open to the public. Carryout will be available.

For more information, call 260-563-2463.



Plain Dealer file photos

In this 2018 file photo, rider prepare to begin that year's ride.



The ride was founded in memory of Brandt's Harley Davidson founder Waldo Brandt and his son, Steve, who died in 1988 and 2010, respectively.

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The ride was founded in memory of Brandt's Harley Davidson founder Waldo Brandt and his son, Steve, who died in 1988 and 2010, respectively.

But the ride is now a staple for riders from all around central and northeast Indiana.

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DEATH

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81 newly reported deaths that occurred between Aug. 30 and Sept. 20. Another 474 probable deaths have been reported to date based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

A total of 4,121,821 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 4,116,117 on Monday. A total of 13,204,869 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. Clinics are being added regularly around the state.

Hoosiers age 12 and old-

er can receive a COVID-19 vaccine; individuals younger than age 18 are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine only. To find a vaccination clinic near you, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted at most sites.

The ISDH is deploying mobile clinics to the following counties this week to provide testing and vaccinations: Allen, Clark, Clay, Delaware, Fayette, Fulton, Gibson, Hamilton, Hendricks, Henry, Howard, Jackson, Jefferson, Lake, LaPorte, Marion, Marshall, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Putnam, Ripley, Starke, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Vigo, Wabash, Warren, Washington, Wayne, White and Whitely.


Hoosiers in the ZIP codes in which the clinics are located

will receive a text message or email informing them of the locations and services offered.

Free COVID-19 testing and vaccinations are also available beginning today in the parking lot across from Gate 2 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The clinic will run from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday through Oct. 30.

As of Tuesday, a total of 6,443,452 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 3,221,894 first doses and 3,221,558 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

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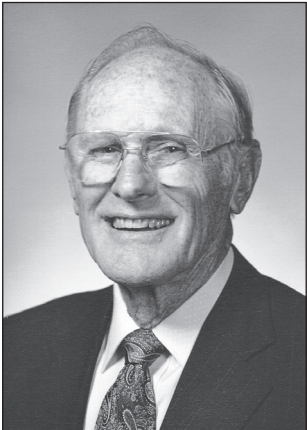
Larry D. Curless

Dec. 29, 1931 – Sept. 17, 2021

Larry D. Curless, 89, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:30 pm, Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, at his home. He was born on Dec. 29, 1931, in Wabash County, Indiana, to Wilbur T. and M. Catherine (Garber) Curless.

Larry was a 1949 graduate of Linlawn High School and was President of his senior class. He received his BS in Agriculture Economics from Purdue University in 1953. Larry served in the US Army from 1953-1955, was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and organized and directed the Drum and Bugle Corp. He first married Marilyn Eltzroth in Wabash County on July 27, 1952; she died Sept. 28, 2000. He then married Anne (Renbarger) Garver in Wabash, on Sept. 15, 2001. Larry farmed from 1955 until 1982, and also was a tax preparer and accountant. He owned and operated Curless Tax Service until his retirement, and after his retirement he worked as the Endowment and Planned Giving Officer for the Honeywell Center and served as an interim C.E.O. He was a member of the Wabash First United Methodist Church, where he served on various committees and also taught Sunday School. Larry was also a member of the Mark C. Honeywell Society, Purdue Agricultural Alumni, Purdue All American Band Alumni, Farm Bureau Inc., National Association of Tax Practitioners, Wabash County Pork Producers, Wabash Community Theater and Orchestra, and was a life member of Honeywell and Purdue University. Larry served on many boards, including, the Honeywell Foundation, Country-Mark Co-Op Inc, now Land O' Lakes, and the Wabash Valley Music Association. He was selected as the Distinguished Purdue University Agriculture Alumni in 1999, Distinguished Indiana Hoosier in 2003, and the Wabash Distinguished Citizen in 2018.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Garver Curless of Wabash; two children, Randy (Debbie) Curless of Wabash, and Cynthia (James) Lam-



brecht of Moline, Illinois; two step-sons, Wade (Paula) Reyburn of Port Charlotte, Florida, and Todd (Rhoda) Reyburn of Kokomo, Indiana; three grandchildren, Ryan Curless of Anderson, Indiana, Paul (Melissa) Lambrecht of Moline, and Mary Catherine (Doug) Yoeckel of Bettendorf, Iowa; five step grandchildren, Cole (Angie) Reyburn of Sunbury, Ohio, Jack Reyburn and Max Reyburn, both of Kokomo, Don (Kandy) Bridges of Marion, Indiana, and Vera (Shannon) Skiver of Peru, Indiana; four great grandchildren, Matthew Lambrecht, Ethan Lambrecht, Emma Lambrecht, and Lily Yoeckel; eight step great grandchildren, Kyle Shinkle, Nathan Shinkle, Logan Shinkle, Jennifer Bridges, Chance (Brigett) Bridges, Kevin Dooley, John Dooley, and Tim Skiver; step great grandson, Greyson Bridges; and his sister, Brenda (Keith) Burkholder of Lebanon, Indiana. He was also preceded in death by his parents and his granddaughter, Briannon Curless.

Memorial services will be 3 pm, Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, at Wabash First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass Street, Wabash. Family will receive friends from 1-3pm Sunday, at the church. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Honeywell Foundation, 275 W. Market Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

The memorial guest book for Larry may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Janet Ross

Janet Ross, 95, a lifetime resident of Wabash, passed away at 6:50 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, at Peabody Retirement Home in North Manchester.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, at Matlock Cemetery in Wabash County.

Preferred memorials are

to Parkview Hospice, 1900 Carew Street, Suite 6, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805.

McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana, 46992, has been trusted with Janet Ross' final arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Barbara Slater

Aug. 12, 1933 – Sept. 19, 2021

Barbara Slater, 88, Claypool, died Sept. 19, 2021. She was born Aug. 12, 1933 in Kosciusko County to Talman and Thelma DeLaughter.

Surviving are sons, Kim (Kathy) Slater, and Kent (Jo Ellen) Slater and Kris (Jill) Slater; brothers, Darwin DeLaughter and Talman (Kelly) DeLaughter Jr.; sisters, Connie (Joe) Gottschalk and Jan-

ice Gerardot; sixteen grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Calling Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021 from 2-8 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021 at 10 a.m. at the Eel River Community Church of the Brethren, 2507 S.R. 14, Silver Lake. Calling beginning at 9.

Marcia Ann Stinger

Services for Marcia Ann Stinger, are 2 pm, Friday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Burial in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation is 1-2 pm Friday, at the funeral home.

Georgia M. Hanneken

Feb. 10, 1925 – Sept. 19, 2021

Georgia M. Hanneken, 96, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 6:00 am, Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at North Woods Village in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born on Feb. 10, 1925, in Arkansas, to Forrest and Lucille (James) Boomer.

Georgia was a graduate of St. Scholastica Academy in Fort Smith, Arkansas. She married Dr. Vincent J. Hanneken in Fort Smith, on March 5, 1946; he died Dec. 1, 1999. Georgia was a homemaker and a very good cook. She was known for her hot fudge sundaes and creole cooking. Georgia was a member of the St. Bernard Catholic Church, the Wabash County Hospital Auxiliary, and a former member of Tri-Kappa. She enjoyed bird watching and feeding the squirrels.

She is survived by five children, Theresa (Dan) Gray and Candy (Tony) Temple, both of Wabash, Angel (Todd) Shear of Lagro, Indiana, Vincent (Michelle) Hanneken, Jr. of Holland, Michigan, and James F. Hanneken of North Manchester, Indiana; 17 grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren. She was also



preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

Funeral services will be 10 am, Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 188 W. Sinclair, Wabash, with Father Levi Nkwocha officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Animal Shelter of Wabash County.

The memorial guest book for Georgia may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Michael L. Niccum, Sr.

Nov. 23, 1940 – Sept. 19, 2021

Michael L. Niccum, Sr. 80, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:20 am, Sunday, September 19, 2021, at his home. He was born on November 23, 1940, in Wabash, to Marion L. and Maxine Ruth (Jones) Niccum.

Mike was a 1958 graduate of Noble High School. He married Amy Wilson at the Wabash Christian Church on June 9, 1961. He worked for Norfolk-Southern Railroad, retiring after 43 years, and also owned Mike Niccum and Sons Excavating. Mike was a member of the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, the Wabash Saw Dust Gang, and was a Noble Township Volunteer Fireman 11 years. He enjoyed building bird houses, fishing, reading, woodworking, and watching YouTube.

He is survived by his wife, Amy Niccum of Wabash; three children, Michael (Jean) Niccum, Jr. of Lithia, Florida, Michele (Pat) Meredith and Matthew Niccum, both of Wabash; daughter-in-law, Becky Niccum of Wabash, eight grandchildren, James Niccum of Jacksonville, Florida, Melissa Meredith of Tampa, Florida, Adam (Miranda Smead) Niccum of Riverview, Florida, Remington Niccum of Lithia,



Brycen Niccum, Macy Niccum, Kaden Meredith, and Hope Niccum, all of Wabash, and his sister, Beverly Amelung of St. Louis, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son, Mark Niccum, who died May 28, 2012.

Funeral services will be 10:00 am, Thursday, September 23, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Stokes officiating. Burial will be in Peoria Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call 3-7 pm Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are Life Center or Bachelor Creek Mission Fund.

The memorial guest book for Michael may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Carrie Lynn Hughes

Dec. 19, 1976 – Sept. 12, 2021

Carrie Lynn Hughes, 44, of Wabash, IN, passed away Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021, as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident.

Carrie is survived by her two children, Ross and Mason Goshert, Wabash, IN, her mother and step-father, Rhonda and David Thorpe, and her father and step-mother, Neil and Ginger Hughes, all of Peru, IN. Her brothers, Zane (AhJeong) Hughes, South Korea, Steven Thorpe, Peru, IN, and Taylor Reed, Australia; along with several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Proceeding her in



death are her grandparents Jim and Pat Duty, Richmond, IN and Tom and Bettie Hughes, Warner Robins, GA, her aunt Kristin Duty Manis, and cousin, Jimmy Duty, both of Richmond, IN.

Carrie studied to be a registered nurse and proudly enjoyed her career for several years before becoming disabled. She was an avid collector of all things "unusual" and will forever be remembered for her cunning sense of humor.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at a later date.

OCRA unveils Indiana Connectivity Program

Applications go live Monday

By **HANNAH GUNNELL**
Shelbyville News Reporter

Need internet?

Starting Monday, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) may be able to help.

Led by Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, the new Indiana Connectivity Program allows Hoosiers across the state to submit their addresses and internet needs to OCRA so that OCRA can start a process of getting internet installed.

OCRA will bundle addresses in the same area together and provide grants to internet providers who would like to serve those areas.

"This really empowers Hoosiers to take it upon themselves to contact us and say 'I don't have internet,' or 'I don't have adequate internet,' and then that starts the process whereby we can work and provide a subsidy for them to get connected," Crouch said.

Anyone who does not have internet or has internet speeds of less than 25 Mbps (download) and 3 Mbps (upload) is eligible to apply. Applying does not guarantee an extension of service.

Those interested can apply to the Indiana Connectivity Program by entering their address and information into the Next Level Connections portal at in.gov/ocra/broadband starting Monday.

The state realizes people poor internet service might have trouble accessing a website, so they also created the Indiana Broadband Connect Center, which starts Monday as well and will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week.

Hoosiers can reach the call center at 833-639-8522.

OCRA will collect information for the next three months, then reach out to providers. The process will repeat itself every three months until the program has exhausted its allotted \$270 million.

The application will be open "till we run out of money," Crouch said. She hopes that OCRA will use all the funding and be able

to return to the legislature next session to ask for more to keep the program going.

Bidding and challenge processes must take place before awards can be made to providers. The process for providers is as follows:

At least every three months, OCRA will publish to registered providers the addresses asking for internet service. Service providers will have 10 days to notify OCRA of service availability at those locations. Providers then have 60 days to submit bids on locations they would like to extend service to. OCRA will evaluate all bids within 30 days and select the provider whose bid presents the lowest cost to the state.

Once awarded, projects must be completed within nine months of the contract date.

Any type of broadband ("always connected") internet can be installed, except for satellite. Other types include cable, fiber optic, and wireless. There is a minimum speed requirement of 25/3 Mbps.

The Indiana Connectivity Program was established by the SB 377 during this year's legislative session.

Crouch said this program is part of the state's Next Level Connected grant funding, which actually started prior to the pandemic. The need for broadband was heightened during the pandemic – with at-home student learning and telehealth appointments – which resulted in SB 377 and 17 other bills introduced into this past legislative session.

"How it differs from the past program, is that in the past, we had money available for providers who wanted to apply for grants to expand broadband," Crouch said. "What this legislation did is it said 'We want to empower Hoosiers to be able to get broadband.'"

The Indiana Connectivity Program is one of many broadband-related programs the state is taking to bring internet to rural areas in the state. For more information, visit in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp.

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Purdue says fall enrollment set record at nearly 50,000

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Purdue University said it has nearly 50,000 students this fall, a record fueled by a freshman class of about 10,200.

Purdue said it was surprised by an increase in out-of-state students accepted for admission, the Journal & Courier reported.

Families and students told Purdue that they were impressed by the school's response to COVID-19.

"Our focuses have been encouraging everyone to be vaccinated," said Jay

Akridge, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity.

"We're up over 83 percent of the campus (vaccinated). And then if you're not, get tested," he said. "And then students have been great about masking inside. ... Just as they did last year, students have been very good about following that protocol."

Purdue was expecting 8,450 freshmen but greatly exceeded that number. Total enrollment is pegged at 49,639.

Republican control of Indiana Senate likely set with new map

By **TOM DAVIES**

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Republicans appear set for another decade of controlling Indiana's Senate under a GOP-drawn redistricting plan released Tuesday.

The proposal for the new Senate election districts comes as the Republican-dominated Legislature intends to give final approval by the end of next week for new maps covering all of Indiana's congressional and legislative seats through the 2030 elections.

The redistricting, based on population shifts from last year's census, creates one new likely Democratic Senate seat in Indianapolis as most rural counties across the state lost population and Indianapolis and its surrounding counties saw about three-quarters of Indiana's population growth.

But no significant political shifts look likely from the current 39-11 Republican supermajority in the state Senate, which allows Republicans to approve proposals without any Democrats being present. Republicans have had majority

control of the Senate since the 1978 elections and a supermajority since the 2010 elections.

Republican Senate leaders said it was a priority to keep more counties and cities in a single district, protecting what they called "communities of interest."

While the proposed maps add a likely Democratic seat in Indianapolis, more than a half dozen Republican-held districts either extend from Marion County into GOP-leaning suburban areas or reach from predominantly rural districts into the city or suburbs to add

population.

"With the movement of the population, again, left rural areas, moved toward more urban and suburban areas," said Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray of Martinsville. "And so a lot of the population flowed toward Indianapolis and the doughnut counties and pulled those Senate districts down there as well."

An Indiana House committee on Monday endorsed along party lines Republican plans for new congressional and Indiana House districts that political analysts say pro-

tect GOP dominance that has given them a 7-2 majority of the state's U.S. House seats and 71-29 command of the Indiana House.

Longtime Democratic Sen. Tim Lanane of Anderson is one apparent target for Republicans as the new map takes Democratic-leaning Muncie from his district and puts both him and GOP Sen. Mike Gas-kill of Pendleton in a new district with a more Republican tilt.

Lanane, a senator since 1997, said it was telling that in the 2011 redistricting Republi-

cans considered it important to create a district with the traditional factory towns of Anderson and Muncie together but not anymore.

"I guess you can create anything and call it a community of interest," Lanane said.

The new Republican map also draws two Democratic senators – Frank Mrvan of Hammond and Lonnie Randolph of East Chicago – into the same district, while creating an open district in a more suburban and GOP-friendly section of northwestern Indiana's Lake County.

PULSE

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Retirement Community have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 22 and Dec. 1. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. They have tentatively scheduled performances for Saturday, Oct. 2 for a concert at Harvest Fest; the North Manchester Fun Fest parade; and at Doud's Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana.

Salamonie Lake workdays conclude Sept. 25

Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host volunteer workdays at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, call 260-468-2127.

Downtown Wabash Farmers Market concludes Saturday

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market continues its 2021 season from 8 a.m. to noon through Saturday, Sept. 26 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elks parking lot on the corner of Cass and Market St. To become a vendor for the 2021 Market, visit WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market or call 260-563-0975. For more information about Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market, visit WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from September 2021 through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Oct. 5, 2021; Nov. 2, 2021; Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Sept. 28, 2021; Oct. 19, 2021; Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. The program fee for the package of nine once-a-month sessions is \$60 per child ages 3 to 5. Additional siblings are \$35. The program fee for the package of 18 twice a month sessions is \$100 per child, and additional siblings are \$75. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Final 2021 Shop Hop in downtown Wabash runs through September

Shop Hop returns to downtown Wabash through Thursday, Sept. 30 and includes a chance to win a prize of \$100 in Shop Hop Dollars, which are redeemable at the participating businesses. Participants will take a September Shop Hop form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary. Once the Shop Hop form is 100 percent completed, participants will submit their form to one of the participating businesses, Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division Road, or the Wabash Marketplace office, 189 S. Miami St. September Shop Hop forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30 for a chance to win. The winner will be selected in early October. Four downtown businesses participating in September's Shop Hop include Chapman's Brewing, 233 S. Miami St.; Lighthouse Mission, 123 W. Canal St.; Wabash Marketplace, 189 S. Miami St.; and JoJo's OilFactory & Co., 36 W. Canal St. Entry forms are available at each of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is

available by visiting Wabash Marketplace.org.

Dr. Ford Home announces 'fun, family-friendly' event lineup

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including Autumn Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1; Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash's trick-or-treat hours; and Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home.

8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids planned

The Clown Town Motorcycles and Sharp Shooters Express will present the 8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the American Legion Post No. 248, 800 Washington St., Lagro. Car show registration will be \$15 per car and will begin at 11 a.m., with kickstands up and entertainment starting at noon. For more information, call 260-466-7655.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with four concerts in the works: Invitation to the Dance is Oct. 10, 2021, in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. The concert features music from ballet and other works inspired by dance, and it will include Manchester University professors Beate Gilliar and Jim Brumbaugh-Smith dancing to Leroy Anderson's Blue Tango. Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021, in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Healy-Hutchinson, Sleigh Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater's Waltz by Emile Waldeufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra's concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn's five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration set for Oct. 14

Grow Wabash County has announced that MPS Egg Farms has been selected as the 2021 Business of the Year and will be honored during Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/2021annualdinner, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

Salamonie 'Tweens Among the Trees' Forest School planned

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on

Wednesdays: Nov. 3, 2021; Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. The program fee for the package of six sessions is \$60 per child, ages 6 to 13; additional siblings are \$50. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra invites entries for concerto competition

In advance of the March 13, 2022 concert, the Manchester Symphony Orchestra invites vocalists, pianists and instrumentalists to register for its 2021-2022 season concerto competition. Competitors must be enrolled in a high school, home school program, college or university during the fall semester of 2021 to be eligible. The application fee is \$25. There are scholarship awards for high school division winners and cash awards for collegiate division winners. The competition is Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at Manchester University, and competition winners will perform with the orchestra at 3 p.m. March 13, 2022, during the Trailblazers concert. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Admission is free for MU students, faculty and staff, as well as anyone age 18 and younger. Go to www.manchestersymphonyorchestra.org to buy tickets or register for the competition.

Honeywell Ladies Golf Association season continues

The Tuesday Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday.

Honeywell Pool to open on a limited basis

For the time being, the Mark C. Honeywell Pool will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays each week. For more information, visit www.wabashcountymca.org.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

WCTFC hires new cessation coordinator

Heidi Blake has previous experience in tobacco prevention

STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition (WCTFC) has hired Heidi Blake as their new cessation coordinator, according to director Dan Gray.

Gray said Blake comes to the WCTFC with previous experience in tobacco prevention.

Grey said as the cessation coordinator, Blake will build and maintain relationships with health

care and community agencies to promote and foster tobacco treatment objectives with their patients and clients. She will implement the CDC Best Practice models in tobacco control and use proven, evidence-based actions, to reduce tobacco use exposure to secondhand smoke and limit tobacco use in Wabash County.

Blake will operate the County Baby & Me Program that helps pregnant women that smoke to quit.

“When pregnant women smoke while pregnant, the unborn baby takes in the toxic effects caused by the

smoke or vape inhaled by the mother. This can cause birth defects, SIDS, premature births and any of the tobacco related diseases. This will also make the baby addicted to the nicotine,” said Gray.

Gray said when a pregnant woman signs up for the program, she will receive \$25 diaper vouchers when she quits by the third counseling session and will receive these vouchers monthly, up to a year, after the baby is born, if she remains smoke-free.

For more information, call 260-274-2920 or 800-QUIT-NOW.

COMMENDED

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“About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise,” said Self.

Self said that although they will not continue in the 2022 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

“Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” stated NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their

schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”

Samuel Hupp is the son of David Hupp and Katharine Gray-Brown.

Gabriel Case is the son of Judd and Joanne Case.

“Manchester Community Schools congratulates these students and their parents for these outstanding accomplishments,” said Self.

The news comes after NMSC public information specialists Eileen Artemakis or Matthew Budreau announced the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 67th annual

National Merit Scholarship Program were named last week. These continuing will compete for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million that will be offered next spring.

NMSC is a nonprofit organization that operates without government assistance and was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

“Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its funds and by approximately 400 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence,” stated the NMSC.

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WMS boys cross country finishes second at West Noble

Wabash Invite planned for Saturday at City Park

By ROY CHURCH

LIGONIER — With three runners among the top 18 finishers, the Wabash Middle School (WMS) boys finished second Saturday at the West Noble Cross Country Invitational.

Drew Guenin-Hodson continued to lead the Apaches, finishing ninth in 10:52.3. Bobby Shull was 13th in 11:03.5 and Isaiah Cordes was 18th in 11:12.4. Ezra Church came in 30th in 11:27.0 and Kamden Oswalt was 47th in 11:42.3 to round out the scoring.

Wabash was second to Woodside Middle School, which finished with 96 points to the Apaches' 114. Wabash edged Maple Creek Middle School by one point.

Manchester Jr. High, led by Trey Howard, the two-time Wabash county champion, finished 19th in the 29-team field. Howard was sixth in 10:36.6.

Westview's Noah Bontrager won the race in 10:09.1, followed by

teammate Daniel Yoder in 10:20.0.

Other Wabash finishers were Treyce Daughtry, 117th in 12:37.4; and Keaton Lane, 129th in 12:53.2.

"I was very impressed with the performances of our guys," Head Coach Ryan Evans said. "As our fifth man Kamden was not intimidated and knew he had to race well in order for the team to finish well.

"Big shout out to Treyce and Keaton for stepping into the varsity race on a couple days notice. This was the first race for Jay and Maverick in a long time and they weren't afraid to push it hard. Raven also put forth an amazing effort with a solid PR to show for it."

Other Manchester finishers were Clark Showalter, 102nd in 12:28.7; Oliver Fitzpatrick, 107th in 12:31.7; Wyatt Schroll, 124th in 12:44.0, and Everett Short, 201st in 16:17.6.

In the boys varsity race, Wabash finished 10th. Kaden Vogel was the top Apache finisher, coming in 25th in 17:14.3. David Ford returned to action and finished 33rd in 17:30.8 and he was followed by Jace Bullins, 72nd in 18:27.2; Jonas Church, 77th in 18:35.8, and Chase Howard,

98th in 19:19.2, to round out the scoring.

Eli Callahan was 127th for the Apaches in 20:32.5 and Kasen Oswalt was 133rd in 20:42.2.

"Having all our guys back was great for team morale," Heads Coach Ryan Evans said. "There are still a couple things we need to execute better, but I'm confident we'll put it together when it matters most."

Southwood had three runners in the field. Luke Andrews, son of former Northfield standout and head coach Chad Andrews, finished 122nd in 20:27.1; Jacob Marlow was 128th in 20:33.9 and Landon Mitchell was 135th in 20:45.4.

Concordia Lutheran out of Fort Wayne won the event, edging Goshen, 64-68. Goshen had the top two finishers in the event – Drew Hogan in 15:56.3 and Cole Johnston in 16:00.3.

In the varsity reserve race, Wabash's Ethan Berry was 96th in 21:14.6, Kristian Stanton was 111th in 21:50.8 and Braxten Lakin was 125th in 22:35.9.

Wabash entered three girls in the varsity event. Cali Kugler led

the threesome, finishing 78th in 23:41.9. Ivy Beamer was 132nd in 25:53.2 and Grace La Mar was 155th in 26:52.1.

Addison Knoblauch of Homestead won the event in 18:33.4.

The Lady Apaches finished 26th and Manchester took 27th in the middle school race, won by Woodside Middle School.

Manchester's Rachel Steely led the Wabash County contingent, finishing 44th in 12:56.2, behind the winner, Sarah Maple (11:08.2) of DeKalb Middle School.

Other Manchester finishers were Maggie Akins, 180th in 16:01.7; Kaylee Feters, 186th in 16:33.9; Shelby Cahill, 191st in 17:36.6; Bronwyn Harris, 192nd in 17:41.5, and Allie Evans, 196th in 19:25.4.

Wabash was led by Chloe Cooper, who was 129th in 14:14.0. She was followed across the finish line by Rinka Higuera, 131st in 14:14.6; Quinn Myers, 136th in 14:21.7; Raegan Jones, 139th in 14:24.3; Ava Bishir, 151st in 14:39.8; Haylee Friend, 168th in 15:11.4, and Caitlyn Shidler, 181st in 16:06.1.

In the middle school reserve race,

Wabash finished 14th behind Malory Tart, 41st in 14:53.0; Bridget Bailey, 53rd in 15:13.0; Maya Howard, 125th in 16:39.1; Mia Fairchild, 157th in 17:34.9; Allayan Renn, 209th in 19:28.4; Sarah Marcum, 210th in 19:29.9; and Emma Cantrell, 242nd in 22:49.0.

Manchester's Kelzei Fox was 230th in 21:02.3 and Avery Akins was 231st in 21:09.9.

In a three-way middle school meet at Peru on Tuesday, Sept. 14, the Wabash boys blanked their hosts and RJ Baskett by taking the first seven places. Guenin-Hodson won the race, followed by Coleson Kugler, Cordes, Shull, Caidan Burchett, Ezra Church, Kamden Oswalt and Daughtry.

In the girls race, Higuera was fourth, Jones was sixth, Cooper was seventh, Bishir was ninth, Myers was 12th, Friend was 14th, Bailey was 17th, Caitlyn Shidler was 18th, Howard was 19th, Audri Shidler was 24th and Cantrell was 27th.

The Wabash varsity runners hosted the Apache Invite Tuesday and the middle school will host the Wabash Invite Saturday at City Park.



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Across both matches, Samantha Campbell finished with 31 kills.

Manchester goes 1-1 in home tri-match with IU-Northwest and St. Mary's

Spartans will head to Kalamazoo College for a non-conference match

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University volleyball team hosted both Indiana-Northwest and St. Mary's, in Indiana, in a tri-match in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Saturday, Sept. 18.

The Black and Gold went 1-1 on the day. Manchester was edged in five sets by Indiana-Northwest after the RedHawks overcame a two-sets-to-none deficit. IU-Northwest took the match by set scores of 24-26, 25-

27, 26-24, 25-19, 15-11.

Manchester rebounded nicely in its second match of the day, blowing past St. Mary's in straight sets 25-19, 25-14, 25-16.

Against the Belles of St. Mary's, Manchester hit .265 as a team. The Spartans were led by Samantha Campbell's, from Brownsburg, 13 kills and .417 hitting percentage. Sara Shultz, from Churubusco and East Noble High School, and Erika Kramer, from Greensburg and North Decatur High School, added eight and seven kills, respectively.

Helaina Walters, from Marion and Eastbrook High School, and Samantha Campbell reached double figures in digs against St. Mary's, finishing

the match with 13 and 10.

Carly Ripberger, from Tipton, paced MU with 31 assists against St. Mary's.

Across both matches, Samantha Campbell finished with 31 kills. Carly Ripberger finished with 65 assists while Helaina Walters ended the day with 35 digs. Rachael Ressler, from Tipton, added 28 digs on the day for Manchester.

Manchester (5-7) will head to Kalamazoo College for a non-conference matchup with the Hornets on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Wednesday's match is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

MU CC teams turned in strong performances at MSJ Invitational

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men's cross country team ran to a second-place team finish at the Mount St. Joseph Invitational on Friday evening in Shelbyville.

A trio of Spartans earned top 10 placements to highlight Manchester's efforts.

Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, was the individual champion on Friday night. Salazar led the field with the top overall time of 26:43. Thomas Richardson, from Ladoga and Southmont High School, placed second overall in the race after crossing the finish line with a time of 27:04.7. Connor Havens, from LaPorte, was the third Spartan to capture a top 10 placement after earning an eighth-place finish on Friday. Havens clocked a time of 28:13.

The Spartans posted a team score

of 54 on Friday. Trine University led the field with a team score of 34.

The Manchester University women's cross country team ran to a third-place team finish at the Mount St. Joseph Invitational on Friday night.

Hannah Brubaker, from Goshen and NorthWood High School, led Manchester's efforts with an eighth-place finish. She crossed the finish line with a final time of 25:18.6.

Lauren Smith, from Anderson and Lapel High School, and Fiona Frost, from Indianapolis and Lawrence Central High School, were the next two Spartans to finish Friday's race. Smith placed 11th with a time of 25:51.6. Frost placed 12th with a time of 25:58.3.

Manchester posted a team score of 64 on Friday. Centre led the field with a team score of 27.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester football drops road game at Olivet

Spartans head into a bye week before beginning HCAC play on Oct. 2

By DILLON BENDER

Turnovers and big plays on special teams continued to plague the Spartans as the Manchester University football team fell on the road at Olivet College by a final score of 59-7 on Saturday, Sept. 18.

The Comets began the game with a 97-yard kickoff return and never let off the gas as the Spartans committed 5 turnovers in the game.

Manchester was held to just 150 yards of offense on Saturday after-

noon. Olivet posted 248 yards of total offense.

MU's lone score of the game came in the fourth quarter when Harrington Greer, from South Bend, and Riley High School, caught a 16-yard pass from Eric James, from Indianapolis and Decatur Central High School.

Olivet's Jeremiah Sterling had three rushing touchdowns on Saturday to lead the Comets.

Manchester (0-3) will head into a bye week before beginning Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play on the road at Franklin College on Saturday, Oct. 2. Kick-off from Franklin is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester tops Olivet 4-1, Kruschwitz nets hat trick, earns honors

Spartans travel to Huntington on Wednesday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men's soccer team downed the Olivet College Comets by a final score of 4-1 for its second consecutive win on Saturday afternoon.

Sophomore Harley Kruschwitz, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, scored his first career collegiate hat trick to lead the Black and Gold attack. Kruschwitz scored in the 3rd minute to put the Spartans ahead 1-0. He added goals in the 27th and 43rd minutes.

Manchester led 3-1 at the intermission.

Kruschwitz also had a role in the fourth Manchester goal of the afternoon as he assisted on Chris Gerken's, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, first collegiate goal in the 62nd minute.

Manchester outshot the Comets



The Manchester University men's soccer team downed the Olivet College Comets by a final score of 4-1 for its second consecutive win on Saturday afternoon. The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) has named Manchester University sophomore forward Harley Kruschwitz as its Offensive Player of the Week.

19-7 on the afternoon. The Black and Gold also held a 9-4 advantage in corner kicks taken.

The win moved Manchester to 2-4-1 on the season. Olivet dropped to 1-4 with the loss.

The Black and Gold will return to action on Wednesday, Sept. 22 when they travel to nearby Huntington University. Wednesday's match is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

Manchester's Harley Kruschwitz named HCAC Offensive Player of the Week

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) has



Provided photos

named Manchester University sophomore forward Harley Kruschwitz as its Offensive Player of the Week, as announced on Monday, Sept. 20.

There was no slowing Kruschwitz, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, in Manchester's lone game of the week. Kruschwitz scored his first career hat trick in a 4-1 win over Olivet College on Saturday, Sept. 18. He netted all three of his goals in the first half against the Comets.

Harley also had a hand in the fourth Manchester score as he picked up the assist on Chris Gerken's goal in the 62nd minute. Kruschwitz finished with seven points on the day and has scored in three consecutive games.

Manchester will travel to Huntington University on Wednesday, Sept. 22 for a 4 p.m. match-up with the Foresters.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Wife with broken heart is ready to end her long marriage

DEAR ABBY: When I found out a few months ago that my husband of 24 years had been having affairs with several men, it devastated me. I have gone to counseling to try to deal with the pain and depression I now suffer from. He's in counseling for himself as well, and we are also in couple's counseling to see if our marriage is salvageable. He tells me it has nothing to do with me but more about his need for attention, and that he didn't feel it was cheating because it wasn't with another woman. The problem is, he did this for SIX YEARS.

Dear Abby



I'm no longer in love with him – and yes, I did love him more than life itself. I feel I need to end our marriage because I will never be able to trust him again, and I will never be enough for him. I'm struggling with guilt about it. He cries when I tell him I'm done, which makes me feel awful. How can I make it easier for both of us? – Devastated Beyond Words

DEAR DEVASTATED: That may not be possible, and YOU are not to blame for what happened. Once you accept that fact, you may begin to feel less guilty. Married men do not engage in affairs with other men because they aren't getting enough attention from their wives. Whether your husband is a deeply closeted gay man or bisexual is anyone's guess. But he chose to cheat on you. Bisexual people (of both sexes) in committed relationships remain faithful – which he wasn't for six years. Keep that in mind when you tell him (again) that you are done, then hand him some tissues and call your lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: My oldest daughter, "Heather," has started her senior year of high school. She's often angry and confrontational with my husband and me. We've learned to remain neutral and not react to her attempts to pick fights. However, we have two younger daughters, 15 and 9. We found out that Heather often swears at them and calls them the B-word – and sometimes worse. Unfortunately, it's something I hear about long after it's happened. My younger girls have witnessed her swear at us, too. Heather will be 18 in a couple of weeks, and, frankly, we're ready for her to move out once she gets her diploma. Until then, how would you handle this situation? – Tired Of The Language

DEAR TIRED: Talk to your daughter! WHY is she angry and disrespectful to you and your husband? Does Heather have emotional issues? If so, what has caused them? Once you have some answers, you and your husband can get your daughter professional help if she needs it. In the meantime, tell Heather you don't like the attitude she has been displaying and you want it stopped immediately. Make plain that if her bad behavior continues, there will be "consequences," and then, if it does, follow through.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Sour-dough's strike

4 Carry

8 The Force was with him

12 Russell or Olin

13 "Now!"

14 Blown away

15 Light beam

16 Wonder Woman, for one

18 "Wella-way!"

20 Help wanted abbr.

21 Belief

23 Over-charge

26 Classify

29 Landed

32 Outlaw

34 Do as told

35 Oversaw

36 Caustic solution

37 Edge

38 MS polishers

39 Stunt

40 Kiki or Joey

41 Shrink's reply (2 wds.)

DOWN

1 Slimy vegetable

2 Bona fide

3 New Age singer

4 Chores

5 Big Ten sch.

6 Knock gently

7 Dueler's sword

8 Internet search engine

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Saturday's Jumbles: GLITZ LADLE HERMIT THROAT

Answer: The popularity of London's famous clock tower was at an ALL-TIME HIGH

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

We are so lucky to be part of this great group.

They are the best!

THE GROUP OF LIONS THEY CONSIDERED TO BE THEIR FAMILY WAS THEIR ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"Daddy, exactly how many facts of life are there?"

Bil and Jeff KEANE

BEETLE BAILEY

YOU REALLY SHOULD CLEAN UP THE CLUTTER ON YOUR DESK

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SIR

SIGN THOSE ORDERS, REVIEW LT. FUZZ'S REPORT, INITIAL THE INVOICES, FILL YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS, PICK UP YOUR SUITS...

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BLONDIE

HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY AT J.C. DITHERS AND COMPANY?

SO FAR SO GOOD BUT THERE ARE STILL EIGHTEEN MINUTES LEFT ON THE CLOCK

A GUY CAN GET A LOT DONE IN EIGHTEEN MINUTES!

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW HIRE, DAG?

I THINK HE MAY BE A BAD INFLUENCE

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HI & LOIS

THAT'S A PRETTY FLOWER.

AND THAT'S A BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY!

NATURE CAN BE SO COMPETITIVE.

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LAND HO!

I INSTALLED A FEW UPGRADES.

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WIZARD OF ID

AAH... NOTHING LIKE A DAY AT THE----

FOOM

HOT TUB

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DILBERT

WE WON'T MEET OUR LAUNCH DATE BECAUSE THE USER MANUAL ISN'T DONE YET.

STICK A MANUAL FROM A DIFFERENT MODEL IN THE BOX AND SHIP IT.

WHAT?

TODAY I FOUND OUT WHY WE DON'T OFFER A MONEY-BACK SATISFACTION GUARANTEE.

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GARFIELD

I DREAM ABOUT CHASING RABBITS

I DREAM ABOUT CHASING LASAGNA

LASAGNA?

YEAH, AND WITHOUT DOING THAT SILLY LEG THING YOU DO

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FORT KNOX

YOU MADE THE GENERAL AND FRANK SHAVE THEIR HEADS!

BUT WHY MAKE THEM SHAVE THEIR HEADS??

AND HOW DID YOU FEEL?

DISAPPOINTER.

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PICKLES

GRAMPA SAID HIS FAMILY WAS REAL POOR WHEN HE WAS A KID

OH?

HE SAID THEY WERE SO POOR THAT WHEN THEY HAD BREAD AND BUTTER THEY COULDN'T AFFORD BREAD.

SO THEY HAD TO BUTTER THEIR HANDS AND LICK OFF THE BUTTER.

GRAMPA IS FULL OF BALONEY.

HE SAID THEY DIDN'T HAVE THAT EITHER.

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The Gospel shows us our sins and points us to the Savior

Q: Does God punish people who try to do right? – G.R.

A: The Bible says that "whom the Lord loves He [disciplines]" (Hebrews

12:6). Believers are not immune to God's chastening. The Biblical story of Jonah reveals that before God could use Jonah, Jonah first had to humble him-

self and repent. Only then would God use him to preach the Gospel to a pagan culture. Jonah is one who thought he could escape from the Lord – he found out differently. He was called to preach to rebellious Nineveh (the area today that is known as Mosul, Iraq), but instead he rebelled against God's call. This miraculous story proves that God's eyes are everywhere and that He devises retribution and pun-

ishment to bring about eternal blessing in response to repentance. Jonah resented the fact that God was sending him to the "great city" (Jonah 1:2), the capital of Israel's pagan neighbor, Assyria. He didn't believe the people of Nineveh deserved God's salvation. So he did the very thing he was called to preach against – he disobeyed God and did what was in his heart.

God reprimanded Jonah and, in graciousness, expressed His pity and love for those wan-

dering in an evil world and drowning in sin. This is yet another demonstration of the long arm of God's salvation extended to those who turn from rebellion and receive the Lord's mighty message of forgiveness.

The Gospel is not just for those who receive it, but also to bring the whole world to salvation. The Gospel shows us our sins and points us to the Savior. "The gospel ... is not according to man ... it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:11-12).

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"GA YRS SLGA O SUZF OZSZVY
POW? DZAS SLF ASGTT VFTOYKLRTW
SLOS G TRHF — SLOS VOMFA TGEF
OYP YOSZUF LOUVRYGIF."
— NFRUNF FTGRS

Previous Solution: "Kids know me from their 'Grease' DVD. ... You can hear a pin drop when I do my old songs." — Frankie Avalon

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

A cautionary tale in the FBI’s stunning mishandling of the Larry Nassar case

Picture a 19-year-old gymnast, sitting on her bedroom floor, recounting in detail how her team doctor sexually abused her. She’s on the phone with two FBI agents, telling them about the time the doctor molested her in a hotel room in Tokyo. She begins to cry.

The line falls silent. A moment later, one agent blurts out, “Is that all?”

That was “one of the worst moments of this entire process for me to have my abuse be minimized and disregarded by the people who were supposed to protect me,” said U.S. Olympian McKayla Maroney, recalling her 2015 interview with the FBI about disgraced USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar.

Maroney’s emotional testimony and that of star gymnasts Simone Biles, Maggie Nichols and Aly Raisman during a Senate hearing this week crystallized the human toll of the FBI’s staggering mishandling of allegations against Nassar,

who was finally arrested in 2016 by university police in Michigan. While the Senate focused on the FBI’s failings, other law enforcement agencies and even corporate HR departments must also absorb lessons from this case.

The cost of looking the other way is too high.

We await upcoming testimony from U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, who is expected to explain why his office is not prosecuting two FBI officials singled out in a federal report for botching the Nassar investigation and lying about their blunders. Nevertheless, it’s imperative that the FBI publicly correct its problems and rebuild its credibility. As Texas Sen. John Cornyn put it, if complaints by world-class athletes are not taken seriously by the FBI, what hope do other sexual abuse victims have?

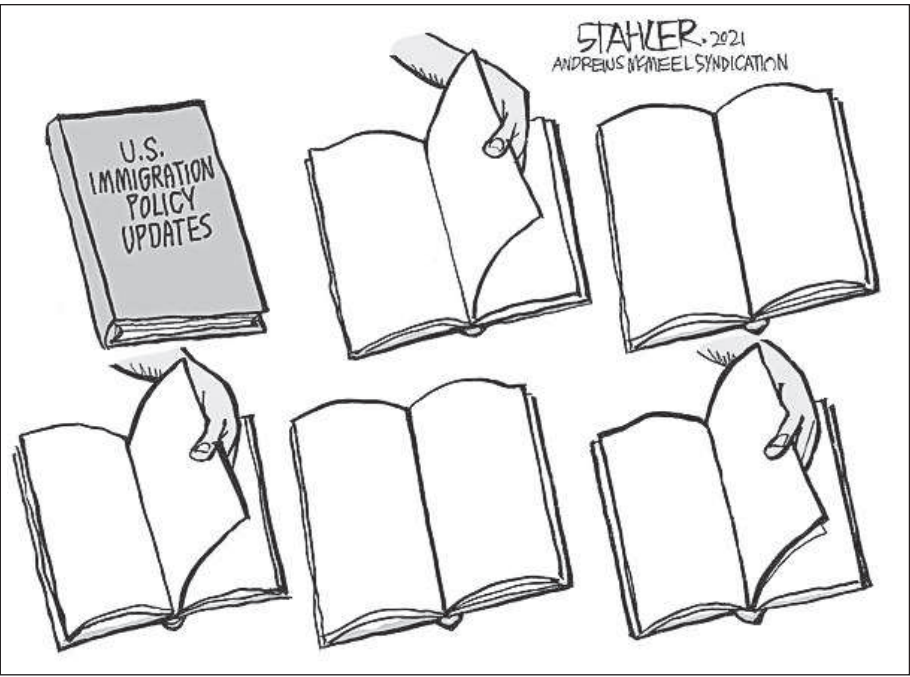
The gymnasts’ voices shook with indignation as they described how they decided to report their abuse to prevent the violation of other girls,

though about another 70 young athletes were abused by Nassar anyway while the FBI sat on their complaints. Two FBI offices that questioned whether they had jurisdiction over the case should have contacted local police but did not do so.

In Maroney’s case, the FBI agents who interviewed her took sparse notes and failed to document the conversation until 17 months later – a document that Maroney says is inaccurate. The agency canceled an interview with her in person and questioned her over the phone. Agents failed to invite a forensic interviewer or a victim’s advocate.

It’s hard to wrap one’s mind around the FBI’s callousness in this case, and it should serve as a cautionary tale for others who investigate sexual abuse. Indifference toward these allegations is validation of victims’ fears that they should have never dared speak out.

This editorial was first published in the Dallas Morning News.



Natives and newcomers

Can you tell from the following three summaries which groups of Americans are being described?

- Two million of them flooded into this country in the space of a few years. Followers of “an alien religion,” they were also poor and uneducated, and it was feared they would both strain welfare systems and take over all the low-paying jobs. Large cities were overwhelmed. In Boston, a city of just 100,000 where 37,000 of them landed, they were “fated to remain a massive lump in the community, undigested, indigestible,” according to historian Oscar Handlin.
- On March 5, 1891, 11 of them were hanged or shot to death by a mob in downtown New Orleans. Between 1890 and 1920, they were the subject of about 50 lynchings throughout the country. Of the New Orleans killings, The New York Times editorialized that the victims were “the descendants of bandits and assassins who have transported to this country the lawless passions . . . of their native country.” They were no better citizens than rattlesnakes and “lynch law was the only course open to the people of New Orleans.”
- Their language was forbidden to be taught in schools or spoken in churches, hospitals or businesses. Their books were all removed from the library. Those still in the process of becoming naturalized citizens were ordered to report to the police station as potential enemy aliens. A Council of Defense sent spies into their churches to take notes and report back.

The first group were the Irish escaping the devastating potato famine that started in 1845. In addition to discrimination everywhere they turned, they were frequently accosted by anti-Catholic mobs, and a major political party (the American Party, aka the Know Nothings) sprang up because of the anti-immigration fervor they inspired.

The second group were the Italians. According to Public Radio International’s The World program, they were “portrayed in parts of the media as ignorant, insular, superstitious, lazy, prone to crime, ignorant of the law, ignorant of democracy and prone to righting wrongs with personal vendettas and acts of

violence. Even their food was seen as alien.”

The third group were the Germans in my adopted home town of Fort Wayne. They poured into the city in the 1800s in response to ads from businessman Henry Rudisill’s advertisements for hard workers, and by the 1890s, Fort Wayne was called “a most German town” by The Chicago Tribune. By 1916, it was estimated that between 60 and 70 percent of residents were of Germanic descent, and this was reflected in everything from religion and education to street names and food.

But leading up to and during World War I, the anti-German hysteria sweeping the country was so bad that dachshunds, deemed a “German breed,” were shot or kicked to death in front of their owners. In Fort Wayne, there was a concerted and largely successful effort to eradicate all traces of German culture.

These examples are cited not to illustrate any profound truth but just to provide something to think about as Indiana prepares to welcome another wave of refugees, this one the result of America’s feckless 20-year befuddlement in Afghanistan.

Anti-immigrant zealotry is not, current wisdom to the contrary notwithstanding, an oppression by white people against people of color. It is not always an attack by Christians on Judaism or Islam or other religions. It is not always directed at the most recent arrivals, as the Fort Wayne experience shows; the victims can be the victimizers in length of residence and even outnumber them.

Nativist sentiment is about attempts from the prevailing culture to maintain dominance and the efforts of minority cultures to find a balance between isolation from and immersion in the mainstream. It is as simple and complicated as that. And if you think that is unique to America or even especially harsh here, please just look at the history of dealing with outsiders of almost any other country. This is a relative paradise of tolerance and inclusiveness.

About 5,000 Afghan refugees are expected to arrive at Camp Atterbury in Southern Indiana in the coming weeks, and we can already hear the sadly familiar rumblings of the developing narrative: Hoosier yokels freak out over invading

Islamic horde. Remember the rhetorical free-for-all about Syrian refugees just a few years ago?

A TV station took its crew to Edinburgh, the small town nearest Atterbury, and prompted the kind of prattle it wanted from the rubes – worries about the refugees’ lack of English and money, whether they might be terrorists or have COVID. But the simple fact is that the town’s population is 4,792, fewer than the 5,000 refugees expected and far fewer than the 10,000 that could be accommodated. That residents would feel overwhelmed is neither extraordinary nor insurmountable.

I have seen the ebb and flow of tensions between natives and newcomers play out many times in Fort Wayne. I saw it with the Vietnamese, whose country I had been a stranger in. I saw it with the Burmese as they made our city their largest enclave in the country. I saw it time and time again with the steady influx of Hispanics over the years.

Each group made its own way in its own way, deciding how much to preserve of their own culture and how much to blend it with the prevailing culture. There is no set formula, and some groups have had more trouble adjusting than others, but it seems safe to say none have faced the kind of brutal suppression the Germans did more than 100 years ago.

It’s called assimilation, and it should be a beautiful thing. There is not a stark choice as we seem to believe these days – stay isolated and separate or completely lose touch with one’s heritage. There is a sharing, a give and take that gives us a rich culture that’s a mix of many cultures. The majority grumbles then gives in, the minority resists then fits in.

Today we emphasize what makes us different rather than what we have in common, so faced with the false dichotomy, we choose the one that isolates us within our own tribes. Assimilation has become a dirty word.

Imagine a couple deciding whether to live together but both fearing a loss of autonomy as they contemplate accommodating the needs and whims of the other, so they each decide to live alone, forever.

Is that where we are today?

Contact Leo Morris at leoedits@yahoo.com.

LETTERS

Strengthen our power grid against an EMP event

We must do more to strengthen our power grid against an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) event. Such an event can result from an attack by terrorists or by another country (e.g. China may already have the capability – which it may use in an economic crisis) or it can occur naturally. It could result in a devastating loss of life. There is disagreement on this, but why take chances?

We should also have a ground-based GPS backup system, (like Russia has) or we could lose internet at the least in an anti-satellite attack.

Alvin Blake
Wabash

Breathing easy in Wabash County

More than 1 in 5 Indiana adults smoke cigarettes (21.5 percent), one of the highest rates in the nation, while the number of youths using vaping products remains a concern for anti-smoking advocates.

Secondhand smoke is estimated to cause over 1,300 deaths among Hoosiers each year. About 1 in 4 nonsmokers nationwide are exposed to secondhand smoke. Strong smoke-free air laws protect more than workers, they protect all residents from secondhand smoke in public places.

Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition’s efforts for a smoke-free community have been slow. With COVID-19 being a respiratory virus and having shown long-term effects of the virus, it has highlighted the public need for smoke-free air. The pandemic has also made point of the ever-present dangers of secondhand smoke. Masks do not protect people from secondhand smoke, smoke-free air laws do. North Manchester is the only community in Wabash County where our air is clean to all residents who want to breathe easily.

The safety net in Wabash County needs to expand.

If you have questions or want to get involved in our Coalition’s efforts, visit www.facebook.com/WabashCountyTobaccoFreeCoalition or wabashcotobaccofree.net or call 260-274-2920.

Let’s do our part to make our county smoke-free.

Heidi Blake
Tobacco Cessation Coordinator
Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition

Azeri Americans remember 9/11

9/11 was one of the darkest pages of our history. Just within a few hours and at four locations, nearly 3,000 people died as a result of series of terrorist acts, instigated by ideological radicalism. The Azerbaijani- and Turkish-American communities are in constant remembrance of the victims and those who sacrificed their lives saving others.

For more than 50 years, thousands of Turks and Azerbaijanis fell victim to terrorist attacks by Armenian and Kurdish terrorist groups in Turkey and Azerbaijan, as well as in the United States and Western Europe. In 1988-1994, more than 27,000 Azerbaijanis were killed and close to a million displaced due to military aggression from Armenia. On Sept. 11, President George W. Bush stated, “whether we bring our enemies to justice or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done.”

Naida Khalilova
Fort Wayne

‘COVID Stops Here’ urges employer action

Indiana businesses that have achieved widespread vaccination among employees can earn a new designation from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and its Wellness Council of Indiana.

Our COVID Stops Here campaign recognizes employers leading the fight against COVID-19 and playing a role in improving the state’s vaccination numbers. Companies with at least a 70 percent employee vaccination rate can receive the designation.

The campaign has four vaccination levels: platinum for 100 percent vaccinated, gold for 90 percent, silver for 80 percent and bronze for 70 percent.

Eligible employers can receive this recognition by filling out a short online application.

Workplaces meeting the requirements receive a media kit to help promote their vaccination status. This promotion can have a big impact on employee safety and morale, as well as positively impact relationships with customers, visitors and partners.

While a federal vaccine mandate for certain employers is looming, we believe that decision should be left up to individual employers. They are in the best position to address any work environment challenges.

What we are doing – through COVID Stops Here – is encouraging more businesses to routinely communicate to their employees the benefits to them personally and for their employer of having a vaccinated workforce.

For more information, visit indianachamber.com/stopcovid.

Kevin Brinegar
President and CEO, Indiana Chamber of Commerce



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In the Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of September, 2021
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U.S. COVID-19 deaths are topping 1,900 a day

By HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH
Associated Press

COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. have climbed to an average of more than 1,900 a day for the first time since early March, with experts saying the virus is preying largely on a distinct group: 71 million unvaccinated Americans.

The increasingly lethal turn has filled hospitals, complicated the start of the school year, delayed the return to offices and demoralized health care workers. “It is devastating,” said Dr. Dena Hubbard, a pediatrician in the Kansas City, Missouri, area who has cared for babies delivered prematurely by cesarean section in a last-ditch effort to save their mothers, some of whom died. For health workers, the deaths, combined with misinformation and disbelief about the virus, have

been “heart-wrenching, soul-crushing.”

Twenty-two people died in one week alone at Cox-Health hospitals in the Springfield-Branson area, a level almost as high as that of all of Chicago. West Virginia has had more deaths in the first three weeks of September – 340 – than in the previous three months combined. Georgia is averaging 125 dead per day, more than California or other more populous states.

“I’ve got to tell you, a guy has got to wonder if we are ever going to see the end of it or not,” said Collin Follis, who is the coroner in Missouri’s Madison County and works at a funeral home.

The nation was stunned back in December when it was witnessing 3,000 deaths a day. But that was when almost no one was vaccinated.

Now, nearly 64 percent of the U.S. population has

received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. And yet, average deaths per day have climbed 40 percent over the past two weeks, from 1,387 to 1,947, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

Health experts say the vast majority of the hospitalized and dead have been unvaccinated. While some vaccinated people have suffered breakthrough infections, those tend to be mild.

The number of vaccine-eligible Americans who have yet to get a shot has been put at more than 70 million. “There is a very real risk you’ll end up in the hospital or even in the obituary pages,” Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, chief medical officer for the Ohio Department of Health, said to the unvaccinated. “Don’t become a statistic when there is a simple, safe and effective alternative to go out today and get vaccinated.” Many low-vaccination

communities also have high rates of conditions like obesity and diabetes, said Dr. William Moss of Johns Hopkins. And that combination – along with the more contagious delta variant – has proved lethal.

“I think this is a real failure of society and our most egregious sin to be at this stage where we have hospitals overwhelmed, ICUs overwhelmed and hitting this mark in terms of deaths per day,” Moss lamented.

New cases of the coronavirus per day in the U.S. have dropped since the start of September and are now running at about 139,000. But deaths typically take longer to fall because victims often linger for weeks before succumbing.

In Kansas, 65-year-old cattleman Mike Limon thought he had beaten COVID-19 and went back to work for a few days. But the virus had “fried” his lungs and he died last

week, said his grandson, Cadin Limon, 22, of Wichita.

He said his grandfather didn’t get vaccinated for fear of a bad reaction, and he hasn’t gotten the shot either for the same reason, though serious side effects have proved extremely rare.

He described his grandfather as a “man of faith.”

“Sixty-five is still pretty young,” the young man said. “I know that. It seems sudden and unexpected, but COVID didn’t surprise God. His death wasn’t a surprise to God. The God I serve is bigger than that.”

Cases are falling in West Virginia from pandemic highs, but deaths and hospitalizations are expected to continue increasing for as many as six more weeks, said retired National Guard Maj. Gen. James Hoyer, who leads the state’s coronavirus task force.

Dr. Greg Martin, who is president of the Society of

Critical Care Medicine and practices mostly at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, said the staff is buckling under the strain.

“I think everyone in 2020 thought we would get through this. No one really thought that we would still be seeing this the same way in 2021,” he said.

In Oklahoma, Hillcrest South Hospital in Tulsa is among several medical centers around the country to add temporary morgues. Deaths are at an all-time high there, at three to four times the number it would see in a non-COVID-19 world, said Bennett Geister, hospital CEO.

He said the staff there, too, is worn out.

“They didn’t sign up to be ICU nurses only to have people pass away on them,” he said. “They signed up to be ICU nurses to take people to recovery and heal people from the brink of death.”

Biden promises ‘relentless diplomacy’ to skeptical allies

By JOSH BOAK and AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — President Joe Biden summoned the world’s nations to forcefully address the festering global issues of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and human rights abuses in his first address before the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday. He decried military conflict and insisted the U.S. is not seeking “a new Cold War” with China.

But while stressing to fellow world leaders the urgency of working together, Biden avoided addressing criticism from allies about the chaotic U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and a diplomatic tempest with France.

Instead, Biden used his address before the annual gathering of world leaders to make his case that the United States remains a reliable international partner following four years of President Donald Trump’s “America first” foreign policy.

“We’re opening a new era of relentless diplomacy, of using the power of our development aid to invest in new ways of lifting people up around the world,” Biden said.

The president offered an impassioned plea for cooperation, to friends and adversaries, arguing that overcoming a daunting list of crises “will hinge on our ability to recognize our common humanity.” Biden said the U.S., under his watch, had reached a turning point with the end of military operations in Afghanistan last month, closing out America’s longest war. That set the table, he said, for his administration to shift its attention to intensive diplomacy at a moment with no shortage of crises facing the globe.

“Today, many of our greatest concerns cannot be solved or even addressed by the force of arms,” he said. “Bombs and bullets cannot defend against COVID-19 or its future variants.”

Biden offered a robust endorsement of the U.N.’s relevance and ambition at a difficult time in history, and

sought to reassure wary allies of U.S. cooperation.

He pledged to boost U.S. financial aid to poorer countries to help them switch to cleaner energy and cope with the “merciless” effects of climate change. That would mean increasing assistance to about \$11.4 billion a year. This after five months ago doubling the amount to \$5.7 billion a year.

As part of the fight against climate change, rich nations for many years have promised to spend \$100 billion a year in climate help, but a new study shows that they’re \$20 billion a year short. Biden said his new commitment would help rich nations reach their goal.

In climate negotiations there’s a dramatic rich-poor nation gap. Developing nations and others are reluctant to curb emissions further of heat-trapping gases without help from developed nations, which in the words of British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, are “the guys that created the problem.”

Biden seemed to look past the mounting skepticism he’s faced from world leaders in the early going of his presidency, including criticism that Biden has given too little weight to allies’ concerns on issues that have ramifications for America’s friends on the world stage.

Eight months into his presidency, Biden has been out of sync with allies on the ending to the U.S. war in Afghanistan. He has faced differences over how to go about sharing coronavirus vaccines with the developing world and over pandemic travel restrictions. And there are questions about the best way to respond to military and economic moves by China.

His recent blow-up with France was born out of a three-way agreement between the U.S., Britain and Australia that undercut a more than \$60 billion French submarine deal in favor of a plan to equip Australia with nuclear-powered submarines.

The move is expected to give Australia improved capabilities to patrol the Pacific amid growing concern about

the Chinese military’s increasingly aggressive tactics.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said Monday there was a “crisis of trust” with the U.S. as a result of the episode.

Biden wasn’t so concerned. Asked by a reporter as he arrived at the U.N. on Tuesday how he planned to repair relations with the French, Biden responded with two words: “They’re great.”

In an interview before meeting with Biden on Monday, U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres told The Associated Press that he was concerned about the “completely dysfunctional” U.S.-China relationship and the possibility it could lead to a new Cold War.

The secretary-general did not back off his concerns about the U.S.-China tensions as he addressed leaders at the opening of Tuesday’s gathering. “It will be impossible to address dramatic economic and development challenges while the world’s two largest economies are at odds with each other,” he said.

Biden sought to play down concerns about China tensions escalating into something more, saying: “We are not seeking a new Cold War or a world divided into rigid blocs.” Notably, Biden didn’t utter the word “China” in his 34-minute address.

More broadly, he put a heavy emphasis on the need for world leaders to work together on the COVID-19 pandemic, to meet past obligations to address climate change, to head off emerging technology issues and to firm up trade rules.

“We will choose to build a better future. We, you and I, we have the will and capacity to make it better. Ladies and gentlemen, we cannot afford to waste any more time,” he said. “We can do this.”

Biden limited his time at the United Nations due to coronavirus concerns. He met with Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison in New York following his speech, before heading back to the White House for a busy week of diplomacy in virtual and Washington settings.

Dems, backers face uphill immigration path after Senate blow

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats launched an uphill fight to rescue their drive to help millions of immigrants remain legally in the U.S., their pathway unclear and the uncertainty exposing tensions between party leaders and progressive groups demanding bold results.

Lawmakers and advocacy organizations said Monday they were already weighing fresh options, a day after the Senate parliamentarian said their sweeping proposal must fall from a \$3.5 trillion measure that’s shielded against bill-killing Republican filibusters. But it seemed strongly likely that Democrats might have to winnow their measure to help fewer than the 8 million immigrants they envisioned, and even then faced daunting prospects to prevail.

The ruling by the nonpartisan parliamentarian, Elizabeth MacDonough, was a jarring blow because without the procedural protections, Democrats in the 50-50 Senate lack the 60 votes required to end those GOP delays and approve immigration legislation.

“It saddened me, it frustrated me, it angered me,” Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., told reporters about MacDonough’s ruling. “But make no mistake, the fight continues.”

Democrats and outside groups said their potential options included narrowing the number of people affected or the degree of legal protection they would receive, or tinkering with dates in existing laws that have controlled how many immigrants already here can stay.

Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., a leading pro-immigration advocate, said his party was considering a legalization effort “in a different context” from the filibuster-protected bill. He also said they might pursue a type of status that “does not necessarily provide a pathway to legalization.” He provided no detail for either remark. No Democrats said they

were ready to give up, underscoring how their decades-long push to provide legal status to immigrants is so important to many party voters that politicians don’t dare to appear to abandon it. “This really doesn’t mean that this process is over,” Menendez said. He said Democrats would explore “every option available” and keep working with MacDonough “until we get to a yes” from her.

Democrats’ rejected provisions would open multiyear doorways to legal permanent residence, and perhaps citizenship, for young immigrants brought illegally to the country as children, often called “Dreamers.” It would also cover immigrants with Temporary Protected Status who’ve fled countries stricken by natural disasters or extreme violence, essential workers and farm workers.

Under special budget rules Democrats are using to protect their 10-year, \$3.5 trillion bill, provisions cannot be included if their budget impact is outweighed by the magnitude of the policies they would impose.

MacDonough left no doubt about her view, writing in a memo to lawmakers that Democrats’ plan to grant permanent residence to immigrants “is tremendous and enduring policy change that dwarfs its budgetary impact.”

Doris Meissner, who led the Immigration and Naturalization Service under President Bill Clinton, said MacDonough’s opinion seemed to leave little room for Democrats to include major immigration provisions in the 10-year \$3.5 trillion bill, which funds dramatic changes in social safety net and environmental programs.

“It seems to me that this is just really an effort to be able to say politically that they’ve tried everything that they can try,” Meissner, now a senior fellow at the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute, said of Democrats’ vows to plow ahead.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said President Joe Biden remains “absolutely committed to putting

in place a pathway to citizenship” and supports senators offering alternatives but cautioned, “We don’t control the outcome of the parliamentary process.”

Some progressives have complained that with Democrats controlling the White House, Senate and House this year, the party must push ever harder for its policy goals. Pragmatists have responded that despite Democratic control of both branches of government, their clout is tenuous because margins in Congress are wafer thin – an evenly divided Senate and a House where Democrats can win only if they lose three votes or fewer.

A conference call with reporters illustrated those strains.

Greisa Martinez Rosas, executive director of the progressive United We Dream Action, said groups will decide which candidates to support in upcoming elections based on “not how hard the Democrats tried or how they went down fighting, but whether or not they delivered.”

Another advocate seemingly suggested that Senate Democrats should fire MacDonough if she doesn’t allow their immigration language. “If at the end of the day they’ve exhausted every option and the parliamentarian is a ‘no,’ she is not an elected official,” said Lorella Praeli, co-president of Community Change Action, a progressive group.

Menendez said during that same call that he understands advocates’ “view and their passion” but challenged whether firing MacDonough would be “constructive.” He suggested Schumer might not have the 51 Senate votes he would need to do that.

Asked separately if Democrats should simply vote to ignore MacDonough’s ruling, No. 2 Senate Democratic Leader Richard Durbin of Illinois told reporters, “I don’t believe that’s realistic. I think the votes needed on the floor are not there.”

MacDonough was appointed when the chamber was controlled by Democrats nine years ago.

J&J: Booster dose of its COVID shot prompts strong response

LONDON (AP) — Johnson & Johnson said Tuesday that a booster of its one-shot coronavirus vaccine provides a stronger immune response months after people receive a first dose.

J&J said in statement that an extra dose – given either two months or six months after the initial shot – revved up protection. The results haven’t yet been published or vetted by other scientists.

The J&J vaccine was considered an important tool in fighting the pandemic because it requires only one shot. But even as rollout began in the U.S. and elsewhere, the company already was running a global test of

whether a two-dose course might be more effective – the second dose given 56 days after the first.

That two-dose approach was 75 percent effective globally at preventing moderate to severe COVID-19, and 95 percent effective in the U.S. alone, the company reported – a difference likely due to which variants were circulating in different countries during the monthslong study.

Examined a different way, the company said when people got a second J&J shot two months after the first, levels of virus-fighting antibodies rose four to six times higher. But giving a booster dose six months af-

ter the first J&J shot yielded a 12-fold increase.

While the single-dose vaccine remains strongly effective, “a booster shot further increases protection against COVID-19 and is expected to extend the duration of protection significantly,” Dr. Paul Stoffels, J&J’s chief scientific officer, said in a statement.

The company previously published data showing its one-shot dose provided protection for up to eight months after immunization. It also pointed to recent real-world data showing 79 percent protection against coronavirus infection and 81 percent protection against COVID-19 hospi-

talization in the U.S. even as the extra-contagious delta variant began spreading.

J&J said it has provided the data to regulators including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the European Medicines Agency and others to inform decisions about boosters.

J&J’s one-dose vaccine is approved for use in the U.S. and across Europe, and there are plans for at least 200 million doses to be shared with the U.N.-backed COVAX effort aimed at distributing vaccines to poor countries. But the company has been plagued by production problems and millions of doses made at a troubled

factory in Baltimore had to be thrown out.

As the delta variant spread worldwide, numerous governments have considered the use of booster shots for many of the COVID-19 vaccine options.

Last week, advisers to the FDA recommended people 65 and older get a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine made by Pfizer and German partner BioNTech. A final decision is pending.

Britain previously authorized booster shots for people 50 and over and to priority groups like health workers and those with other health conditions. Countries including Israel, France and Germany have

also begun offering third vaccine doses to some people.

The World Health Organization has urged rich countries to stop giving booster doses until at least the end of the year, saying vaccines should immediately be redirected to Africa, where fewer than 4 percent of the population is fully vaccinated.

Last week in the journal Lancet, top scientists from the WHO and FDA argued that the average person doesn’t need a booster shot and that the authorized vaccines to date provide strong protection against severe COVID-19, hospitalization and death.

